cost of machines purchased: and

(f) how the machines are now proposed to be utilised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Machine shop Lahaurkhana of Jhansi Carriage & Wagon Workshop has not been closed.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

(d) During the last few years items being manufactured in Jhansi Workshop have not been purchased from trade.

(e) The Machine shop was opened as a part of the main Carriage and Wagon Workshop originally in 1895 and updated in 1930s. The cost was Rs. 889.29 lacs.

(f) The machines are being utilised for the manufacture of components as heretofore.

[English]

Nudism Problem at Sea Beaches and in Hotels of ITDC

4605. SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:
SHRI B. L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of nudation problems on sea beaches and in ITDC hotels have come to notice of the Government during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details of directions proposed to be given by the Union Government to State Governments and to India Tourism and Development Corporation (ITDC) authorities in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Fire in Coal Mines in Bihar

4606. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal mines in Bihar where incidents of fire have been reported during the last three years;

(b) the loss suffered due to fire in these coal mines during the last three years;

(c) whether some of the coal mines in Bihar are still burning and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts made/being made by the Government to save coal mines from the fire and to put down the fire in these coal mines ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) No incidence of fresh fire have been reported in Jharia Coalfield of Bharat Coking Coal Limited during the last 3 years. An incidence of fire has been reported in underground mine i. e. Sayal 'D' colliery of Central Coalfields Limited during the last 3 years. No major loss of coal due to this fire is anticipated as the isolated coal is likely to be recovered in due course of time.

(c) and (d) The major problems of fires exist in Jharia Coalfield of Bihar.

70 fires were existing in Jharia Coalfield of BCCL since long time before nationalisation of Coking coal mines in 1971. After nationalisation of coal mines concerted efforts have been made for dealing with major fires existing in Jharia Coalfield. BCCL have formulated 22 schemes with the sanctioned amount of Rs. 114.57 crores. These schemes are under different stages of implementation. An amount of Rs. 71 crores have been spent so far for implementation of these fire projects As a result of these efforts. 5 fires have been fully extinguished. In addition at 3 sites the protective measures required to deal with the fires have been completed and it will take some more time before these fires are completely extinguished. At another 13 sites also fires have been contained and further work to completely extinguish these fires is in progress. Further work has also started at 6 more fire sites in Mukunda Block with the help of Soviet experts It is expected that many more existing fires would be controlled by 1994-95.

10 active fires are also existing in the mines of CCL CCL has formulated the schemes to control these fires. It is expected that all these fires would be controlled by 1994-95.

Recruitment of Pilots

4607. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of pilots recruited by the Indian Airlines and the Air India during 1989-90 and 1990-91 separately;

(b) the number of ex-servicemen out of them: and

(c) the relaxation. if any, provided to the ex-servicemen in their selection ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Indian Airlines recruited 105 and 20 trainee pilots in 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively. There were no ex-Servicemen selected. There is a relaxation in age of five years for the ex-Servicemen.

Air India selected 10 Co-pilots each in 1989-90 and 1990-91. The ex-Servicemen candidates selected were 7 and 1 respectively Air India also selected 29 and 18 trainee pilots in 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively. with no ex-Servicemen selected. Air India does not offer any relaxation to ex-Servicemen candidates.

Airbus A-320

[English]

4608 DR. S P. YADAV Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated loss suffered by the Government so far due to grounding of Airbus A-320: and

(b) the expenditure incurred on the airbuses for putting them into operation ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The loss to Indian Airlines during 40 weeks of grounding of Airbus A-320 fleet is estimated to be Rs. 171.60 crores.

(b) No extra expenditure. other than routine maintenance expenditure. was incurred on the aircraft for putting them back into operation.